SWARCer News

November 2013

Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

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October 7, 2013 SWARC Meeting Minutes

Mike called meeting to order.

Public service from Charles: We've had some public service events that just took place on Saturday Gino showed up for bass lake days, bicycle ride in McGee's crossroads. And there was one in Raleigh. Ride without limits.

Charles needs you to contact him if you have participated in a public service event. He has had a hard drive issue and needs to replace all of his information.

Fellow ham David Keith passed away this past week.

Christie F. presented the treasurers report

Raffle: we discussed buying the radio and Dave is championing ticket sales while Jim is under the weather. Dave is awesome!

JOTA: 10/25/13 at the American Legion Post. Morning in classroom, then afternoon hands on qso's.

Swap meet not enough interest for the current schedule. Mike is taking a poll: would folks be interested in doing an indoor one Jan.

Informal vote on published Membership directory. Inclusion in the directory would be as approved per member. And available for only club members to see.

Presentation by Marty Young W4my about the North Carolina QSO Party!

The next NC QSO party is Feb 23, 2013 10am-8pm!

NETS

The following nets take place on the 145.21Mhz (82.5 Hz)K4ITL "Blackjack" Repeater.

Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net - Every night at at 7:30pm

South Wake ARC Traders Net - Every Tuesday night of each month with the exception of the 2nd Tuesday, immediately following the Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net.

South Wake ARC Tech Net - Every 2nd Tuesday night immediately following the Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net

Announcements

Next Club Meeting: November 4th, 2013 - 6pm dinner - 7pm meeting
Location: Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church-307 N Ennis St. Fuquay-Varina
Program: HF Etiquette - Chris - KC4EOG

Weekly Informal Breakfast
Every Saturday 9am - Now meeting at Golden Corral in Garner, NC - Hwy 401 & Tryon Rd.

Public Service Opportunities

The South Wake ARC participates actively in public service events. Below is a list of some upcoming events over the next couple of months. Please email our Public Service director, Charles W4DBI, if you will be participating in one of the below events so he can keep track of participation.

See the club website (www.southwakearc.com) for further details, and even more upcoming events.

November 17, 2013 - Raleigh, NC - 2013 Makin' Room for Turkey Ride

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Net Report

Hello SWARCers! Hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the Holidays! The net report this month covers nets from September. Numbers from September are not really much different from August. The numbers are as follows.

Net Sessions: 30
SWARC Members Participating: 33
Visitors Participating: 86
Total Check Ins: 648
Average of 22 check ins per night

Net Controls
KJ4CVK ran 7 nets
AJ4NX ran 6 nets
NC4MP ran 4 nets
KT4JR ran 4 nets
KK4BVU ran 4 nets
K9RII ran 3 nets
KA0GMY ran 2 nets

Top 10
The check in champ for September 2013 is KJ4CVK who ran the board with 30 check ins. The runners up are KT4JR, and K4MWE with 29 check ins each. Our 3rd place finishers are KK4BVU, and KK4QDZ with 28 check ins each. We have to going for the clean up spot, NC4MP, and KA0GMY with 26 check ins each. Next in a class all to himself is K9RII with 25 check ins. Then we have N4NCT with 13 check ins. Next we have the VP, KK4OSI, and NC4RA with 12 check ins each. Then we have KK4ATD, and K1DUG each with 8 check ins. Next up is Mr. Prez KD4OKR with 5 check ins. Last, but not least, we have W4TAR, KG4RMT, and KI4YII with 4 check ins each.

And there it is folks! I would like to let everyone know that I am in the process of updating the list of members to make the members participating more accurate, and should take effect in the next month or two. I would like to thank the net controls for there continued services, and a special thanks to KJ4CVK for picking up some extra nets for us, which will be shown next month. That is all for this month! Until next time, 73 and Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

~AJ4NX~

Treasurer's Report

Club Addition and Reduction Activity			
Additions			
Dues	35.00	cash	Elizabeth Vecchione (KI4PVB)
Dues	40.00	check #2222	Charles (W3WZN), Daniel (W3WDD), Bonnie (KK4OAK) deCourt
Dues	5.00	cash	Bryan Ramsey (KK4TTU)
Donations	10.00	cash	
50/50	24.25	cash	
Total Additions	114.25		
Reductions			
Food Lion	20.46	check #1551	drinks/silverware
Total Reductions	20.46		
Balance as of 10/07/2013	1393.43		
Addition	114.25		
Reduction	20.46		
Balance as of 11/04/2013	**1487.22**	Christine Fernandini KJ4AEO 11/04/2013	

September Meeting Minutes

(unavailable for last months newsletter)

Mike KD4OKR opened the meeting at 7pm

Motion by Kenn KK4OSI to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Second by Dave K4MSE. Passed.

Motion by Kenn KK4OSI to approve the treasurers report as printed in the newsletter. Second by Dave K4MSE. Passed.

<Sept. Minutes Continued>

Swap fest. Mike KD4OKR contacted person handling JOTA last year. Mike said that they are not able to handle it this year. He is still working on this. We will be doing JOTA and may do a corresponding swap fest this year like we did last year. Selene KG4RMT made the suggestion to announce our swap fest to other clubs in the area to boost participation.

Marvin KK4TTL made an announcement that a tech class is being held at NCSU presented by Murray K4MHM with RARS. He also said that a general class will be held sometime in October. An Extra class is also coming at a future date. Check out the RARS website at www.rars.org for more info on this.

New hams. Cheri Slocum KK4TFC got her callsign. Abram KK4TTN (son of Joel KC4LWP) got his callsign. And Bryan KK4TTU (son of Mike KD4OKR) also got his callsign. Congratulations to the new hams!

Ken KK4OSI announced that the October meeting program will be presented by Marty Young W4MY on the NC QSO Party. November will tentatively be presented by Chris Lassiter KC4EOG on the ins&outs of operating HF.

Dave K4MSE talked to Jim Williams W4VCF about t-shirts. Jim is going to check and see if the company who printed the last run is still in business. Dave also talked to Jeremy KJ4FYX. Jeremy has the banner and public service vests and will return them.

Ryan NC4RA is planning to host Winter Field Day at his house in 2014. Steve K1MAR may also do a Winter Field Day event at his beach house again. Stay tuned for more news on this.

Charles W4DBI announced three upcoming public service events. 1) 2013 Tour D Orange to benefit the MS Society will be Sept 21st managed by RARS. 2) 2013 Cycle For Life to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be Oct 5th also managed by RARS. 3) 2013 Coastal Ride Without Limits to benefit Easter Seals will be Oct 5th thru 6th in Washington, NC. Links for all of these events are on the SWARC website. Please let Charles know if you participate in an event by clicking his email link on the SWARC website so he can track participation for the year.

Gino KI4YXO is working on the Bass Lake Day event. This is normally held in October.

Ken KK4OSI welcomed Vlad KK4MRE as our guest presenter. Vlad presented a program on Software Defined Radios (SDR).

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.